Reforms in Military Planning

1795. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the recent Gulf war, Government have made any exercise to reform the military planning and applications in the three broad dimensions of purchase, production and personnel, particularly, keeping in view the efficacy of the air power and importance of electronic warfare; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the strategy if any, formulated by Government to remove the deficiencies in the three services?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Defence Plans are formulated taking into account the changing threat scenario and the developments in the global security and technological enviornment. A continuing effort is made to apply the lessons learnt from happenings around the world.

The details of the study of the Gulf War and the applications of its lessons to our own situation have a direct bearing on our defence strategy and tactics and, therefore, cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security.

Use of Hindi in Defence Ministry

1796. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is promoting the use of Hindi language in its administration; and

(b) the various schemes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Defence has been promoting use of Hindi in its administration. All general orders, notifications, resolutions, administrative reports, papers to be placed on the Tables of the Houses of Parliament, Cabinet Papers, etc. are issued both in Hindi and English. All pamphlets, invitation cards, etc. issued on the occasions of Republic Day Parade, Independence Day, Investiture Ceremony, etc. are both in Hindi and English. Communications received in Hindi are invariably replied to in Hindi and correspondence with State Governments and Central Government offices, located in regions 'A' & 'B', is done in Hindi to the extent possible.

In recognition of the efforts put in by the Ministry in this regard, the Department of Official Language sponsored INDIRA GANDHI RAJBHASHA SHIELD has been awarded to the Ministry of Defence last year.

Various schemes have been introduced for promoting use of Hindi in the Ministry and its attached and subordinate offices scattered all over the country. Some of these are enumerated below:—

(1) Officers and employees doing work in Hindi are awarded cash prizes and commendation letters.

(2) Stenographers and LDCs are granted monthly allowances @ Rs 60|- and 40|- respectively for Hindi Stenography|Hindi typing in addition to the work being done by them in English

(3) Various Hindi competitions are held during HINDI WEEK organised on the occasions of HINDI DAY, and those securing positions in these competitions are awarded cash prizes and certificates.

(4) Hindi workshops are organised so that officers and employees who feel diffident about writing notes and drafts in Hindi are encouraged to do their work in Hindi.

Such Hindi workshops are being organised for non-Hindi speaking officers/employees of the Ministry separately and those securing positions in the test held at the end of these workshops, are awarded cash prizes and commendation letters.

(5) Officers and employees passing Hindi, Hindi typing and Hindi steno-